

(b) Details of each and every demand for railway projects received at various levels are not centrally maintained. As per available records, no request has been received in recent times for construction of railway line from Garhshankar to Hoshiarpur.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Increasing height and length of platforms at  
Nagda Junction**

†602. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have given approval to increase the height and length of platform No. 4 and 5 of Nagda railway station under Ratlam Division of Western Railway;

(b) if so, the details of progress made therein so far;

(c) if no progress is made, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the work at both these platforms would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Due to constraints of funds this work was deferred. This has now been planned in 2013-14 subject to availability of funds.

**Steps to prevent fire accidents**

603. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the effective steps taken by the Ministry to prevent fire accidents in trains;

(b) whether the Ministry has arranged any service training programme to educate the mechanical and other staff on how to prevent or slow down fire; and

(c) whether there is any research going on to install smoke detectors or any other methods to detect fire in non-AC trains also?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Preventive checks for carriage of inflammable goods by passenger, use of fire retardant material in coach including coach wiring, multi level electrical protection system to prevent short circuit, provision of fire extinguishers on trains, display of instructions and announcement for Do's and Don'ts are some of the steps being taken by railways to prevent fire accidents in trains.

(b) Yes, Sir. Fire fighting training is being imparted in railways.

(c) A pilot project for trial with fire and smoke detection system has been taken up in one rake of New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express. Based on the experiences gained during pilot project revised technical specification for fire and smoke detection system has been issued for extended field trials on representative population of coaches.

Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO) has been exploring a suitable fire detection/suppression system for Non-AC coaches but no suitable system suiting Indian Railway requirement is presently available.

#### **Revision in Railway Accidents and Untoward Incidents (Compensation) Rules**

604. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry plans to revise the Railway Accidents and Untoward Incidents (Compensation) Rules; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would include introduction of insurance in Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Kusheshwar Asthan-Khagaria railway line**

†605. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the laying of Kusheshwar Asthan-Khagaria new railway line was sanctioned in 1997;

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